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SEN. BASHAM ANNOUNCES NEW GRANT FOR DOWNRIVER COUNCIL FOR THE ARTS

LANSING- State Senator Ray Basham (D-Taylor) announced today that the Downriver Council for the Arts has received a \$20,000 grant from the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs (MCACA). The MCACA has announced \$11.4 million in grant awards to 305 cultural programs statewide.

“Our arts and cultural programs are an essential element of who we are as a state and as a people,” Sen. Basham said. “Despite a difficult economy and budgetary cutbacks, leaders within state and local government were able to work with the arts community to identify critical cultural programs that are essential to the revitalization of our communities and our economy.”

The Downriver Council for the Arts’ application was one of 432 applications considered by the 15 members of the MCACA board. All applications were subjected to a peer review process consisting of arts and cultural professionals from throughout the state. Projects funded by MCACA must be completed within fiscal year 2004, which ends September 30, 2004.

“Studies show that the arts benefit society in a wide range of ways, from reducing juvenile crime to promoting economic development.” Sen. Basham said. “Programs like those being supported by MCACA grants are a key factor in making Michigan such a prosperous, appealing and diverse place to live.”

NOTE: A complete list of grant recipients can be found at www.michigan.gov/hal .

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